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Docket No.: SON-1659/CON  
(PATENT)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**In re Patent Application of:**  
**Takashi Hirakawa et al.****Appeal No. 2009-012063****Application No.: 10/811,246****Confirmation No.: 9013****Filed: March 29, 2004****Art Unit: 2629****For: LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS  
AND THREE-PANEL LIQUID-CRYSTAL  
DISPLAY PROJECTOR**

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**Examiner: L. Y. Lao****REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF ORAL HEARING DATE**

MS Appeal Brief-Patents  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is a request for a modification of the Oral Hearing date for either Appeal No. 2009-012063 or Appeal No. 2009-13808.

An appeal of the final decision of the Examiner in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/811,246, the instant application on appeal, is identifiable as Appeal No. 2009-012063.

A related Request for Appeal No. 2009-13808 is being filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/521,429.

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**1. BACKGROUND****a. Appeal No. 2009-012063**

Appeal No. 2009-012063 is the appeal in the instant application.

The "*Notice of Hearing Confirmation Required Within Twenty-One Days*" dated June 11, 2010 requests a confirmation for attending the Oral Hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("the Board") in Appeal No. 2009-012063 scheduled for July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

As an initial reply to the Notice, a confirmation for attendance at the Oral Hearing for Appeal No. 2009-012063 was filed by facsimile on June 17, 2010.

A copy of the confirmation for attendance at the Oral Hearing for Appeal No. 2009-012063 is provided as an attachment to this Request.

**b. Appeal No. 2009-13808**

Appeal No. 2009-13808 is the appeal in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/521,429.

A "*Notice of Hearing Confirmation Required Within Twenty-One Days*" dated June 11, 2010 requests a confirmation for attending an Oral Hearing before the Board in Appeal No. 2009-13808 scheduled for July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

However, the hearing date and time of July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM is in conflict with the Oral Hearing regarding Appeal No. 2009-012063.

A copy of the confirmation for attendance at the Oral Hearing for Appeal No. 2009-13808 is also provided as an attachment to this Request.

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**2. RELIEF**

At the discretion of the Board, modification of the Oral Hearing date for either Appeal No. 2009-012063 or Appeal No. 2009-13808 from July 20, 2010 to another date is respectfully requested.

Dated: July 1, 2010

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Appellant: Takashi Hirakawa, et al.  
Application No: 10/811,246  
Hearing Room: B  
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Hearing Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2010  
Hearing Time: 09:00 AM  
Location: Madison Building - East Wing  
600 Dulany Street, 9th Floor  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

NOTICE OF HEARING  
CONFIRMATION REQUIRED WITHIN TWENTY-ONE DAYS

Your attention is directed to 37 CFR § 41.47. The above identified appeal will be heard by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on the date indicated. Hearings will commence at the time set and as soon as the argument in one appeal is concluded, the succeeding appeal will be taken up. The time allowed for argument is twenty minutes unless additional time is requested and permitted before the argument is commenced. If there are any inquiries, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 571-272-9797.

The application involved in this appeal has been published. Accordingly, the hearing in this appeal is open to the public.

CONFIRMATION OR WAIVER OF THE HEARING IS REQUIRED. This form must be completed below and facsimile transmitted to both: (1) the USPTO Central fax number (official copy), and (2) the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences fax number (courtesy copy) within TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice indicating confirmation or waiver of the hearing. A copy of this notice may be alternately filed by mail if facsimile is not available.

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